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SUBJECT: RANSOMS IN MENDEZ NOVOA AND SOL MEZA KIDNAPPINGS

REF: SAN SALVADOR 2981

1. COL. ROBERTO EULALIO SANTIBANEZ, DIRECTOR MILITARY INTELLIGENCE (ANSESAL), AT BREAKFAST MEETING AMBSSADOR'S RESIDENCE JUNE 13, STATED THAT RANSOM PAID FOR RELEASE OF MENDEZ NOVOA (SEE REFTEL) WAS TWO MILLION COLONES (U.S. $800,000). HE ADDED THAT ASKING PRICE FOR RELEASE OF SOL MEZA IS TEN MILLION COLONES (U.S. $4 MILLION) AND THAT FAMILY WOULD PROBABLY PAY SOMETHING CLOSE TO THIS AMOUNT. SANTIBANEZ INDICATED THAT THE POPULAR REVOLUTIONARY FORCES (FPL) WERE RESPONSIBLE FOR MENDEZ NOVOA AND SOL MEZA KIDNAPPINGS.

2. IN RESPONSE TO DIRECT QUESTION, SANTIBANEZ STATED THAT HE DID EXPECT THERE WOULD BE ADDITIONAL KID-NAPPINGS IN NEALSFUTURE, THAT THESE COULD WELL INCLUDE
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THIRD-COUNTRY NATIONALS, AND THAT GOES SECURITY FORCES HAD NEITHER MANPOWER NOR TECHNOLOGY TO PREVENT THIS.
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